

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.**

**Called To Order:**

**Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present were Chairman Newbrook, and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson, Richard, Pearson and Filippi.**

**Absent were Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Sylvester and Walker.**

**Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**New Business:**

**APPEAL #140159: Mr. Gerald L'Esperance, for the property located at 64 Harrison Avenue, Woonsocket. DSFM Michael Sweeney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM David Degrange appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Filippi**

made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system, to have smoke and carbon monoxide detector installed, to provide this facility with a lock box, to block off the window located within the stairway with an approve rated material, also provide documentation that all wood paneling has been treated with an approved flame spread material (intumescent paint) and by installing a domestic sprinkler heads in the basement laundry area / storage area / furnace area, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board directs the Applicant to have the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office out to verify the operational status of all battery-operated smoke and carbon monoxide detector in this facility within fourteen (14) days from the date of this hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #150005:** Mr. Gabriel Pare, for the property located at 68 South Main Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM David Degrange appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance until May 31, 2015 from the provisions of RIFC section 10.13.2 by allowing the existing wet sprinkler system to be removed from service (drained and winterized), at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. In granting the above variance, the Board directs the Applicant to provide additional fire alarm and / or heat detection to the

unprotected areas of this facility within thirty (30) days from the date of this hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #140154:** Mr. Daniel Wolfe, for the property located at 28 Shippee Avenue, West Warwick. ADSFM Louis Traficante appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office to correct the following deficiencies; to provide an approve fire alarm system throughout this facility, to provide this facility with approved smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, to install an approved key access box, to install either steel or solid wood 1 1/3" doors, with spring-loaded hinges in the existing door jambs for apartments doors #30, 32 and 32 1/2 and the basement door of this facility, to provide this facility with an approved premises identification, treat all wainscoting in common hallway and stairway with an approved flame spread material (intumescent pain), install an approved red switch cover plate for the furnace remote shut-off switch, provide this facility with emergency lighting and exit signage, and to provide Unit # 28 with an approved second means of egress from this facility at direction and to the satisfaction of the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board grants the Applicant a time variance of fourteen (14) days from the date of the hearing to provide battery powered smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and to provide this

facility with approved fire extinguishers, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #140155:** Mr. John Gomes, for the property located at 496 Weeden Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Allen McVay appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors within this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant an additional one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board hereby authorizes the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #140018A:** Wanskuck Hall Realty, for the property located at 754 Branch Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. At this time the Board rescheduled, a show cause hearing for January 27, 2015, due to scheduling error.

**APPEAL #140019A:** Marilyn Ardente, for the property located at 76 Blackstone Blvd, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the

**Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant an additional ninety (90) days from the date of this Decision, for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system and to complete all other outstanding work, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Old Business:**

**Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to approve the Fire Board minutes for January 6, 2015.**

**Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth to accept the Subcommittee recommendations to grant the Applicant a variance from the provisions of RILSC section 40.2.6. by allowing a maximum travel distance not to exceed one hundred (100) feet for the new (third) manufacturing line for the property located at 3 Dexter Street, East Providence (File#140156). The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Correspondences / Announcements:**

#### **Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners**

**Pearson, Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 P.M.**